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INVENTION: "A Method and a System for Providing Bed Availability Information on a Computer Network"

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith, be made during the course of examination of the above-mentioned application for U.S. patent. No fee is due for submission of this statement since a first Office Action on the merits has not been mailed by the Patent Office. If, however, any fees are due and owing in view of this communication, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0595. **A duplicate of this sheet is included for this purpose.**

I. SUBMITTED REFERENCES

A. U.S. PATENTS

<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>PATENTEE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
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II. REMARKS

Copies of the above references together with form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all claims of the application are patentably distinguishable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is, therefore, requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted.

Within 3 months (1) of filing date of a national application; (2) of date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491 in an international application; or (3) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs last. (No fee is required.)

After the mailing date of a first Office Action but before (1) mailing of a final action under 37 CFR §1.113; or (2) mailing of a notice of allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first.

Payment for the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) accompanies this submission; or

The certification specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e) is made below. (No fee is required.)

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The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies each item of information identified in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, or to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

A check in the amount of \$ ___ to cover any required fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No.50-0595. *A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.*

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